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than helping people hold on to their jobs
and helping small businesses create new jobs.**

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2012 Legislation on Jobs & Economic Development

The legislative session has just ended and one of my primary accomplishments was the passage of **bipartisan jobs legislation** in the Senate. It is my hope that final action on this important legislation will be taken during a special session this summer.

Expanding the definition of a 'small business' from 50 employees to 100 employees, thereby making them eligible for the Small Business Express Program and other programs created during the October special session on jobs. More than 3,600 additional businesses would now be eligible for \$100 million in state-funded business loans and grants under the expanded definition. The funds, divided over two years, are available to state businesses for new job creation incentives, increasing financial assistance for small businesses and for training assistance.

Helping veterans returning from overseas by providing businesses incentive grants to hire post-9/11 combat vets. Our STEP-Up program already promotes job creation and worker opportunity for Connecticut small businesses and the unemployed by subsidizing certain new employee training and employment with \$30 million in state aid over two years; the proposed expansion of the program would specifically help veterans.



Bringing overseas jobs back to Connecticut by giving a preference under the "First Five Plus" program to companies that will relocate jobs from overseas to Connecticut. Under current law, the DECD commissioner can give preference to specific business development projects. This legislation expands the preference to projects that involve "insourcing" or the relocation of jobs outside the United States to Connecticut.



Green Jobs: I attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Laurel Place Apartments in Hartford following the installation of a new 60 panel solar thermal system, one of the largest of its kind in Connecticut.

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